M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have formed a Joint Venture Company, namely, Bhagyanagar Gas Limited (BGL) for supply of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to automobiles and Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to domestic, commercial and industrial consumers in Andhra Pradesh, subject to availability of gas.

(c) Does not arise.

Production of five kg. Gas cylinder

2022. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether public sector oil companies have a proposal under their consideration to increase the production and marketing of five kg. gas cylinders for domestic use in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) procure 5 kg. cylinders from various manufacturing units and market them through their distributors especially for law income group customers in all types of market. OMCs are making available 5 kg. cylinders of LPG distributors as per their demand.

Delayed delivery of LPG cylinder

2023. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG agencies working in the outer Delhi are involved in the malpractices of supplying the gas late, usually a week or so and that too in inadequate quantity;

(b) the details of complaints received in this regard during the last two years and the action taken against them;

(c) whether the telephone lines with Rohini Enterprises, Rohini work only after the office hours and customers have to book the gas cylinder in person only; and

(d) in what manner Government purpose to rectify the anomaly so that the customers living in the outer Delhi may get the supply in time and in adequate quantity?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that there is gap of 3 to 4 days between the refill booking and delivery of refill to customers in Delhi Market in cases of some LPG distributors of Delhi.

(b) OMCs have reported 2 established cases of supply of under weight cylinders during last two years (2002-03 & 2003-04) and necessary action against erring distributors has been taken in terms of Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG).

(c) The telephone lines of M/s. Rohini Enterprises are operating throughout the day (during working hours). Customers have the option to make booking for refills either on telephone or in person. If any specific instance is brought to notice of Government, it shall be investigated.

(d) Supplies to all LGP distributors of OMGs in Delhi including those operating in Outer Delhi are being made in adequate quantity and close monitoring is being done to tide over the delay in refill supplies caused by operational deficiency on part of LPG distributors. The delivery men of LPG distributors are under instructions to carry a spring type weighing scale to show the correct weight of the cylinder to customers at the time of delivery. LPG distributors found indulging in malpractices of irregularities like supply of under weight cylinders etc. are penalised in accordance with MDG/Distributorship Agreements.

Oil Partnership with Iran

†2024. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iran has placed a condition before India to purchase gas for providing partnership in oil sector;

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereon; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.